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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a strong commitment to promote cultural diversity and racial harmony among its residents; and

WHEREAS, Almost every resident of Illinois today belongs to a family that at one time immigrated to this wonderful country; and

WHEREAS, Our churches, schools, and public libraries have been in the forefront of promoting an appreciation for the diverse ethnic backgrounds of our residents; and

WHEREAS, A number of churches, schools, and libraries within the northwest suburbs of Cook County are jointly participating in a community reading program known as the Northwest Suburban Cook County Mosaic Book of the Year Program to confront the issues of racial and social injustice by breaking down barriers between people by fostering a cultural understanding through literature; all citizens in the program are encouraged to read this year's Book of the Year: *The House on Mango Street*, by Sandra Cisneros; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim June 2004 as Northwest Suburban Cook County Mosaic Book of the Year month to raise awareness of and help reduce prejudice, racism, and the systematic marginalization of populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the participating organizations of the Northwest Suburban Cook County Mosaic Book of the Year program as a token of our respect.